

union pavers at work on the city jobs to-day, as the contractors said there would be. The contractors made another bluff this morning. They say that they will not let the men strike, and that they will take the places of the locked-out men in the quarries. Such talk is nonsensical. There are 300 men in a band of 1,000 who are locked out. In America, there is no getting men to take our places doesn't worry us in the least.

"Nor can any harm be sent to the quarries. We have no documents with the immigration authorities yesterday, so that no person connected in any way with the stone industry can leave without the knowledge of the State Committee."

Contractor John Pierce, with Booth Bros., is said to be the head of the paving committee. Pierce is charged by the latter with bad faith. Mr. McNair, of the Strike Committee, says that he was told by Pierce that he had agreed with the Mr. Pierce had agreed to sign the scale May 1, if the paving cutters would give ninety days' notice instead of sixty, as heretofore.

"It is reported that Pierce is getting his paving unloaded all right. What is worse? It is reported that he is going to. The stone will only be in the way as no one will handle it. After the strike is settled, we will refuse to do any of the paving contracts, as it is unloaded by non-union men. All the stevedores who furnish material will be called to work, too, and they may stay away. However, there are lots of other boats, whose captains are anxious to bring them to shore, so they would have to bring them to shore.

The strike is being severely

felt by the property owners. Those on High Street near Twenty-third street will probably remain quiet, as they are not connected with the paving cutters to-day.

Property owners on West street and Third Avenue are also getting irritated. They claim that their business is seriously affected by the stoppage of paving and the blocking of the streets.

Commissioner O'Brien told an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning that just at the present it was impossible for him to do anything, as he could do nothing else but wait for the time allowed for the contracts to expire, and then make the connections with the new contractors, which did not go without carrying the matter to the courts. My action there may not be sustainable, but I have another meeting of the contractors in my office.

A prominent member of the Pavers' Union, said this morning that there was a political side to the strike, and that he wanted to settle it quickly, as it would affect both Pierce and Booth and Pierce are both Tammany men and will do whatever the Tammany men say.

The paving cutters, whose strike has been stopped, are West, West Seventy-eighth, East One

Hundred and Forty-sixth, East Sixty-ninth, Third Avenue near Forty-sixth, Park and Avenue.

Contractor John Pierce is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York Industrial Association. In conversation this morning with an EVENING WORLD reporter, he appeared to attach little importance to the strike. He said that the strike was a mere闹, and what was concerning him especially was the experience he had in carrying the matter to the courts.

John Pierce, of Booth Brothers, said it was true that the men were causing trouble among the manufacturers. "The whole matter," he said, "has evolved itself into a question of politics, for the Tammany bosses.

As everybody knows the men want to fix the scale of prices in May, the highest period of the year, instead of January, when our contracts are due.

"In the granite business, our contracts are made at the beginning of the year, to be

paid off in October, and we have to wait on the scale of prices fixed them, and it can be seen that if the scale was fixed in May our contracts would likely suffer for demands for increased rates."

The manufacturers and contractor have not opposed the men. They have done no particular damage to their own or their quarries other than by the strike. We are organized and propose to stand together in this trouble.

"We are not all the quarries in Virginia, and at other Southern points, we have the principal ones. We can count for a certainty on the number of supporters and sympathizers of all our strike.

"Regarding the duration of this fight, it is difficult to speak intelligently. It depends entirely upon the fact that the men, who are earning big wages will soon get free of starvation allowances from their unions. We believe that a great many will go back to work in a few days."

UNEASY ABOUT MAYOR GRANT.

His Ill-Health and Queer Conduct Causing Anxiety Here.

Secretary Holly Receives a Despatch Ending "All Well."

Mr. Pierce's private secretary White, only said this morning that the alarming reports from Denver about Mayor Grant's condition were a surprise to him.

"I am a deeply interested Brighton Springs, Col., man, though the Water Purveyor told me, from the May 1st meeting, that he, and it ends all his former messages to me have ended with the words, 'All Well.'

"I suppose the 'all well' means that he left here, his doctor is out of town, and I suppose he looks sick. He delayed going away longer than he should, but he wanted to remain until the legislative adjourned."

The report, telegraphed to the State, states that the Mayor talked with the greatest energy.

At times his mind appeared to be wandering and his thoughts were across the plains. While speaking myself, who was

then in the room, I asked him, 'What are you doing?' He said, 'I am thinking of the new law.'

"He did not leave the city together last week, but that they are apart, and will continue to live apart.

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